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The Secretary

NEA Richard W. Murphy

SUBJECT:

Your Participation in the Visit of the Afghan Resistance Alliance Spokesman

ISSUE FOR DECISION

Your participation in the visit of the Afghan resistance alliance spokesman to Washington, later this month.

ESSENTIAL FACTORS

The current spokesman of the Afghan resistance alliance, Burhanuddin Rabbani, has accepted the President's invitation to meet with him in Washington on June 12. Rabbani will be accompanied by three or four leaders of the Afghan resistance parties that make up the alliance. This visit will mark the first time the spokesman has paid an official visit to Washington since the Alliance was formed last year.

Rabbani is an articulate former Kabul University professor who, as a moderate fundamentalist, sits in the center of the Afghan resistance political spectrum. His political philosophy is based on the idea of trying to build a broad national front resistance movement. His party is among the best organized, in both military and political terms, of the seven groups that make up the alliance.

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Rabbani's meetings in the Department provide the key opportunities for a full review of this complex agenda. We suggest a relatively small (Rabbani's party will be at least four) meeting in your office, followed by a larger session chaired by Mike Armacost.

A notional schedule for Rabbani's visit is attached. In addition to the events described in the schedule, John Whitehead is seeing Perez de Cuellar June 6 in New York and will urge him to meet with Rabbani and his delegation during their stay in the U.S.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That you attend the Oval Office meeting at 11:30 a.m. on June 16.

Approve

Disapprove

2. That you meet with Rabbani and his delegation.

Approve

Disapprove

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Date/Time Monday, June 16

10:30 - 11:30 am.

(Intelligence required)

*Time coordinated
w/ Charlie Dunbar.
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Attachment:

Notional schedule

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SECRET**Notional Schedule for Rabbani Visit, June 14 - 19****Saturday, June 14**

Rabbani and delegation arrive in the U.S.

Sunday, June 15

possible press opportunities, interviews

Monday, June 16

1130 meeting with President Reagan (firm)

meetings with Secretary and Under Secretary Armacost

meeting with USIA Director Wick

Evening prayer meeting with Washington Muslim community

Tuesday, June 17

meeting with Vice President

interview for the "Morning Show" to be set up by Worldnet

1200 luncheon hosted by Byrd et al (firm)

additional Congressional meetings with Humphrey et al

possible reception hosted by Prince Bandar at the Saudi embassy, to be attended by Muslim ambassadors

Wednesday, June 18

studio interview of Rabbani by Radio Marti

1030 meeting with AID Administrator McPherson (firm)

1230 luncheon hosted by the Deputy Secretary for delegation and ambassadors from potential aid-giving countries (firm)

afternoon coffee to be hosted by O'Neill and HFAC.

small dinner hosted by Congressman Wilson, to be attended by select members of the press and Congress

Thursday, June 19

Rabbani and delegation leave Washington for Europe

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